

## **Friendship Normal and Industrial College, Rock Hill, S. C.**

**Rev. M. P. Hall, D.D., President**

**F**OUNDED in 1891 by the colored Baptists of upper South Carolina. Eleven teachers and 300 students in 1908. The institution is one whose diplomas are recognized by the state in granting teachers' certificates. There is a theological department. Friendship College has sent out 200 teachers and 100 preachers, and its aim has been to give Christian education to a needy people. It was chartered in 1906. The school is located within a mile from the railroad station, on a territory of about eight acres of land. Nearly six acres of this land is used for farming. Rev. M. P. Hall, D.D., one of the founders, has been president from the beginning.



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## **Bettis Academy, Warrick, S. C.**

**A. W. Nicholson, President**

**B**ETTIS ACADEMY was founded in 1881 by Rev. Alexander Bettis. There were 10 teachers and 175 male and 325 female students in 1908. The annual expenses approximate \$2,000, secured by donations. The school owns 209 acres of land.

Bettis Academy originated with the colored people themselves, and has been well maintained by them with the aid of public-school funds for twenty-eight years, having received little outside assistance. Its founder, Rev. Alexander Bettis, was born in Edgefield, and lived there as a slave until he became free under the general emancipation.

Bettis was the result of a necessity for a school for colored children, and after years of effort the sum of \$400 was collected and 29 acres of ground bought on the hill where the academy now stands. It was a wild, thickly wooded spot. On the Fourth of July, 1881, there was a rallying of the people, trees were cut to make a clearing, and a site located for the building. Money was raised, fresh confidence inspired, and during the next six months the building was erected and made ready for

teachers and pupils. Next New Year's Day the new house was dedicated and the school formally opened. The first principal was Hampton Mathis, who died very soon after assuming the duties of this office, and was succeeded by Alfred W. Nicholson, who for nearly twenty-five years has presided over the affairs of the institution.

The connection of this school with the agricultural life of the people is illustrated in a fair that is held every November at the Academy. Pupils come from the large extent of country, and the lessons they learn are distributed far and wide.

## **Bailey View Academy, Greers, S. C.**

**L. H. Nesbit, Principal**

THE school, with 2 teachers and 75 students, was founded in 1904 by the North Endree Association, by which it is also supported. This rural school is making progress under very trying conditions. The financial demands are so great and the support is so small that there is a pathetic tone in the note of the principal, L. H. Nesbit, written March 10, 1909: "The Board is trying to pay a debt and cannot pay me anything this term." The needs of this institution and this section are great.